



## **King County**

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## **State Environmental Policy Act Notice of Action for the Approval of the Bio-Energy (Washington), LLC Landfill Gas- to-Energy Facility at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill**

Notice is given under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW 43.21C.080 and WAC 197- 11- 990, that on June 23, 2008 the King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) of King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) took the action described below under "Description of Agency Action." This action is not subject to administrative review.

### **Notice of Action**

Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (SEPA) and KCC 20.24.450 shall be commenced on or before July 23, 2008, which is 21 days after the last publication of this Notice of Action on July 2, 2008.

### **Description of Agency Action**

On March 28, 2008, the SWD issued a SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) that evaluated the proposal by Bio Energy (Washington), LLC ("Bio Energy") to design and construct a Landfill Gas-to-Energy facility that will convert methane gas produced by decomposing garbage at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill into pipeline quality natural gas for use in the region. As Lead Agency under SEPA, the SWD reviewed the Environmental Checklist and other supporting documents and determined that the proposal, including all of its mitigation measures, would not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. .

King County completed a review of the MDNS, the addendum to the MDNS, all public comments received during the SEPA MDNS comment period, and the associated SWD responses. On June 23, 2008, SWD authorized Bio Energy to proceed with the proposal, provided Bio Energy is issued all the required Permits.

### **Description of Proposal**

Under contract with King County, Bio Energy, a renewable energy company, has proposed to build a landfill gas processing facility at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill site, which is designed to convert methane gas produced by decomposing garbage at the landfill into pipeline quality natural gas for use in the region. The natural gas produced would be distributed through an existing Williams Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline that runs adjacent to the landfill. The facility will also generate supplementary electricity that will be used to run the proposed Landfill Gas-to-Energy plant.

**Location of Proposal:**

The proposed project is located at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill facility at 16645 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast, Maple Valley, Washington 98038 (at the intersection of 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and Cedar Grove Road). The proposed facility will be located within the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill site occupying about 2.0 acres of land near the front end of the landfill site. The landfill site lies to the north ½ of the Section 28, Township 23, Range 6 and Section 21, Township 23, Range 6, except the Northeast ¼ thereof. There is a 1,000 foot buffer strip along the adjoining property. The proposed site is located in the King County Agricultural & Rural Zoning Area of RA-10.

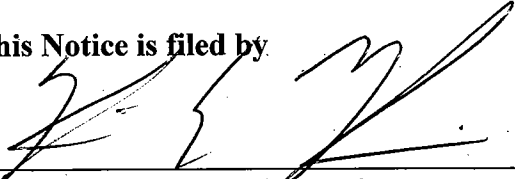
**Environmental Review under SEPA**

On March 28, 2008, the King County Solid Waste Division, the Lead Agency for this proposal, issued a SEPA MDNS based on a determination that the proposal, which includes implementing mitigation measures, would not have a probable significant adverse environmental impact. Public comments on the MDNS were accepted through May 22, 2008. **The MDNS, Environmental Checklist, Checklist Addenda and Addendum to the MDNS are available for review at the King County Solid Waste Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104.** These documents are also available on the following project website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/facilities/landfill-gas.asp>.

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